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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research
THROUGH : Chief, Programs Analysis Division, OSR
SUBJECT : Status of CIA/DIA Joint Study on
Soviet Civil Defense

A report reflecting some of the preliminary judgements of the Joint Study will be available on 15 August. The completed Study will be available sometime in September soon after the inputs described below are received.

1. The principal reason for the delay is the time-consuming nature of the transportation-evacuation analysis. Of the ten sample urban areas plus Moscow selected for the evacuation feasibility portion of the study, work has been completed on only three. The major time requirement here is in identifying potential dispersal areas for accomodating the evacuated urban population.

Two OBGI analysis are devoting almost full time to this problem for five of the cities. DIA is doing the same for the remaining five, but is doing all of the transportation analysis. The OER agricultural analyst and the DIA transportation analysts are dependent on the OBGI data. The transportation-evacuation phase of the Study should be completed in the latter part of August.

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DIA review completed.

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This portion of the Study less the cost and systems analyses could be done by early August.

3. Cost analysis work in general is proceeding slowly because of the fragmentary nature of the data available for estimating expenditures for various facets of the Soviet civil defense program. This phase of the Study will probably run into September. We are nearly finished with estimates of the number of full time staff personnel in civil defense and of the volume of civil defense publications over the past 10-15 years.

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4. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] On or about 1 August Construction Branch of OER will be able to give us an estimate of the number of potential fallout shelter spaces in Soviet apartment house basements.

5. Bill Hall, the principal civil defense analyst at DIA, reacted favorably to our recently published IR on Soviet Civil Defense and feels the sections on organization and training would be suitable for incorporation in the Joint Study. Bill, by the way, concurs on the infeasibility of meeting the 15 August deadline and decided to take his vacation early (16-27 June).

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